



October 23, 2019

Mr. Nicholas Cunningham

SENT VIA E-MAIL: 81776-79695162@requests.muckrock.com

**RE: Acknowledgment for FOIA Request 2020-00005**

Dear Mr. Cunningham,

This letter acknowledges the receipt of your Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) request dated October 14, 2019. Your request has been assigned FOIA Number 2020-00005. Please reference this number in all correspondence concerning your request. You requested:

- 1) All email correspondence between OPIC staff and Vista Oil and Gas Argentina S.A.U. over the past two years, and**
- 2) All documents relating to Vista Oil and Gas Argentina S.A.U. over the past two years.**

Your request is being processed under the Freedom of Information Act (FOIA), which can be found at Section 552 of Title 5 of the United States Code. The FOIA requires OPIC to search records within the agency's control and that are reasonably likely to produce your requested records. In order to ensure that an agency can do this, the FOIA requires that requesters reasonably describe the records sought so that an agency staff member can determine what records are responsive and where they can be located with a reasonable amount of effort. An agency is generally "not obligated to look beyond the four corners of the request for leads." Please note that with regards to Items 1 and 2, when searching for project files, the FOIA Office limits its search to the files of the project officers. Accordingly, the FOIA Office will first search for a responsive project and then it will search the files of the project officers on those projects for responsive records.

For fee purposes you have been classified as "all other requesters", meaning you are not requesting this information for commercial, scientific institution, educational institution, or news media use as defined in OPIC's regulations.<sup>1</sup> As an all other requesters, you will not be charged for review, for the first two hours of search time, or for the first 100 pages of reproduction.<sup>2</sup> OPIC's fee schedule is as follows:

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<sup>1</sup> 22 C.F.R. § 706.21.

<sup>2</sup> Id. at § 706.22.

Administrative staff time \$30.00 per hour  
Professional staff time \$55.00 per hour  
Duplication \$0.10 per page for photocopies or the actual cost of other formats<sup>3</sup>

You have not authorized fees. Accordingly, under OPIC's regulations, it is assumed that you authorize fees of up to \$25.00.<sup>4</sup>

This is notice that your requests will require a notice and an opportunity to comment be provided to third parties with potentially confidential information in the records pursuant to Executive Order 12,600 and OPIC's regulations at 22 C.F.R. § 706.32. This process will add time on to the processing of your request. This time may be significant depending on the number of third parties that must be contacted, the nature of these parties, and the volume of the records needing to undergo this process. OPIC may also be required to consult with other agencies before making a determination on the records.

I may be contacted at the e-mail and phone number below. Additionally, you may contact the Office of Government Information Services (OGIS) at the National Archives and Records Administration to inquire about FOIA dispute resolution services they offer. The contact information for OGIS is as follows:

Office of Government Information Services  
National Archives and Records Administration  
8601 Adelphi Road-OGIS  
College Park, MD 20740-6001  
Email: [ogis@nara.gov](mailto:ogis@nara.gov)  
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<sup>3</sup> Id.

<sup>4</sup> Id. at § 706.11(e).